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1. [REDACTED] This week's meeting with Senator John C. Stennis, (D., Miss.) was devoted exclusively to the subject of Berbera. The Senate Armed Services Committee was going into session to discuss a Somali invitation to visit the area. Because he had another appointment and two telephone calls during the short time I was with him, we never really came to grips with the issue, although I had brought along a photograph and showed him again what the cruise missile facility looked like. I also reminded him of the Director's 13 June 1975 letter on Soviet activities in the Indian Ocean. Following my brief session with the Senator, I contacted Clark McFadden, General Counsel on the Committee on Armed Services, and suggested he lay hands on the letter. McFadden was somewhat bemused noting that the Senator had already passed it out to all the members of the Committee. In any event, I said we stood ready to serve.

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3. [REDACTED] I called on Pat Holt, Chief of Staff of Senate Foreign Relations, to discuss several items he had raised with [REDACTED] yesterday concerning Zaire. Mr. Holt wanted to know if there was any truth in the allegation that CIA was behind the plot to undermine Mobutu. I told him there was not. He next asked what prompted Mobutu's action and we discussed several aspects of Mobutu's current and past relationship with the U.S. Holt said he was seeking this information on the behalf of a Senator who he did not name.

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8. [REDACTED] Took a call from Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who wanted to know whether we sent a second paper to Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.) about Diego Garcia on the 20th of June. I checked and left a message that we did not do so and the only letter sent was the 13 June 1975 one from the Director. Perhaps there was some confusion as we sent a letter on freedom of information to Senator Stennis about that same time. The letter was dated 16 June 1975.

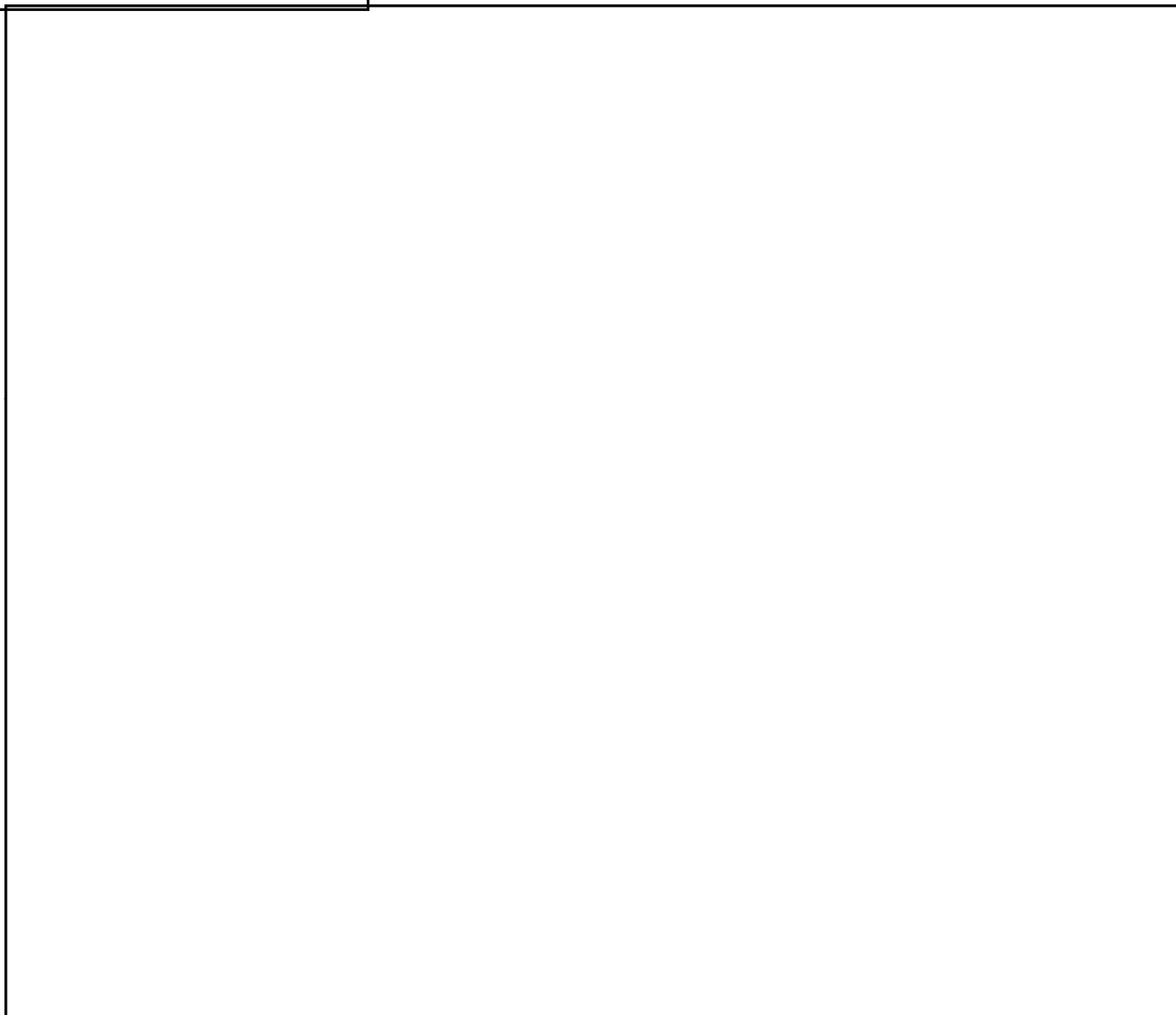
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14. [redacted] Accompanied the Director to a session with several House members on the intelligence stake in [redacted] See Memo for Record.

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